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GENEVA FOR CSCE AND SALT DELS

FROM USREP MBFR

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: REVISED DRAFT THEMES STATEMENT ON UNDIMINISHED
SECURITY FOR THE FLANKS

1. THE AHG GROUP ON 5 NOVEMBER AGREED ON THE FOLLOWING
REVISED VERSION OF TEXT (VIENNA 9072) TO BE DELIVERED
BY GREEK REP AT NOVEMBER 6 MBFR PLENARY MEETING
FOLLOWING INITIAL THEMES PRESENTATION OF DUTCH REP
QUARLES.

2. BEGIN TEXT. AMBASSADOR QUARLES HAS PUT FORWARD
CERTAIN BASIC THOUGHTS ON THE AGREED OBJECTIVE OF THESE
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NEGOTIATIONS AND ON THE CRITERIA OF UNDIMINISHED

SECURITY. IN THIS CONTEXT I WOULD WISH TO AMPLIFY THE POINT HE SPECIFICALLY MADE ON THE SECURITY OF THE WESTERN FLANK COUNTRIES WHICH ARE PARTICIPATING WITH A SPECIAL STATUS.

3. AS IT HAS BEEN AGREED, THE PRESENT NEGOTIATIONS WILL FOCUS ON REDUCTIONS OF FORCES AND ARMAMENTS AND ASSOCIATED MEASURES IN CENTRAL EUROPE. THOSE PARTICIPANTS WHICH HAVE NO FORCES OR TERRITORY IN CENTRAL EUROPE, ARE OUTSIDE THE AREA OF POSSIBLE REDUCTIONS.

4. HOWEVER, THE SECURITY OF THESE PARTICIPANTS AND I AM SURE THAT THIS VIEW IS SHARED BY ALL THE COUNTRIES AROUND THIS TABLE, IS INTIMATELY LINKED TO THE SITUATION IN CENTRAL EUROPE. IT WAS, THEREFORE, WITH PROFOUND SATISFACTION THAT WE ACCEPTED THE AGREEMENT OF UNDIMINISHED SECURITY FOR ALL 19 PARTICIPANTS.

5. WHAT NOW WE NEED IS TO ENSURE THAT TENSIONS WOULD NOT SIMPLY BE SHIFTED TO THE FLANKS AS A RESULT OF REDUCTION IN THE CENTER AND THEIR SECURITY SHOULD REMAIN UNDIMINISHED AND IF POSSIBLY ENHANCED.

6. WE ARE, THEREFORE, CONFIDENT THAT THE DIRECT PARTICIPANTS IN WORKING OUT THE AGREEMENTS WILL STRICTLY ADHERE TO THIS AGREED PRINCIPLE OF UNDIMINISHED SECURITY AND THAT THEIR DECISIONS WILL IN FACT ENSURE THAT THE SECURITY OF THE SPECIAL PARTICIPANTS WILL NOT BE UNDERMINED BY ANY AGREEMENT CONCERNING CENTRAL EUROPE.

7. THE WESTERN FLANK COUNTRIES SHALL FOLLOW CLOSELY THE NEGOTIATIONS AND WILL NOT FAIL TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE DISCUSSIONS IN ALL FORA AS THE NEED ARISES CONSTRUCTIVELY AND IN A SPIRIT OF GOODWILL. END OF TEXT.
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